

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** IMG\_0909

**Other known title(s):** Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 1900598.043

**Medium:** Video File

**Creator:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** Arabic

**Applicant:** Commissioner of Police

<b>Classification:</b>	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.
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**Excisions:** No excisions recommended

**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 19 February 2020

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

**Date of notice of decision:** 19 February 2020

	Components	Running time
<b>Feature(s):</b>	IMG_0909	0:15
<b>Total running time:</b>		0:15

### Summary of reasons for decision:

'IMG\_0909' is an amateur video from a war zone that depicts, at close range, a soldier being shot in the head. The video appears to be filmed by a fellow soldier. It is opportunistic and observational in effect. The video is likely to greatly shock and disturb children and teenagers in particular. Footage like this is also likely to have an eventual effect of inuring younger viewers who are still developing emotionally and cognitively, to other real-life suffering more generally. While many adults are also likely to be disturbed by the footage they are expected to have the maturity and experience to appropriately contextualise potentially distressing material such as this. The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the

application of all the classification criteria. A restriction on the publication's availability to adults places a limit on the right to freedom of expression, but this is a reasonable and justifiable limitation given the risk of injury to the public good.